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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application, but before the mailing date of any of a final Action under § 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution. Applicants state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in an Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office on November 28, 2005 (copy

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A concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents listed may be ascertained from the English-language translation\Abstract of each document. A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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